

Recognizing the critically important role of our reviewers

Welcome to the August 2023 issue of *Rhinology*, which is full of articles that are exciting, thought-provoking, and innovative. With recent focus on clinical research in olfaction⁽¹⁻⁵⁾, a collaborative group of international experts and patient advocates in Philpott et al. describe the development of a consensus core set of outcome measures for clinical trials in olfactory disorders. As there is also increasing focus on eosinophilic chronic rhinosinusitis (CRS)⁽⁶⁾, Deng et al. provides the first evidence for endotype-driven treatment of CRS with oral corticosteroids based on blood eosinophil levels, while studies by Jo et al. and Wu et al. provide novel insights into the role of eosinophils in osteoneogenesis in CRS or to prognosticate revision endoscopic sinus surgery, respectively. These are but a few examples of the impactful science in this issue of *Rhinology* and I invite you to explore the entire issue.

With this issue we also welcome our new *Rhinology* Editorial Board, whose members were announced at the June 2023 29th Congress of the European Rhinologic Society, while also extending our gratitude to the outgoing Editorial Board for their service. Our Editorial Board members are a diverse group of experts from around the world who represent the most active reviewers for *Rhinology*. On this occasion, we reflect on the service provided by our Editorial Board members as well as the significant role that all our reviewers have played in making *Rhinology* the leading rhinologic journal in world. Reviewers form the critical backbone of scientific publishing, and we gratefully acknowledge them for what they do.

At *Rhinology*, our goal is to publish the highest quality, most innovative science of our field⁽⁷⁻⁹⁾. We do so by processing incoming manuscripts in a timely manner to disseminate science as fast as possible and to be respectful of our authors. Reviewers have a critical role in this process by helping identify the manuscripts that have the greatest potential to directly inform clinical care, advance the field of rhinology, and motivate the

next wave of cutting-edge research.

We are sometimes asked what makes a "great" reviewer and I believe that it boils down to one element - a great reviewer is one who follows the "golden rule" and treats the authors in a manner that the reviewer themselves would like to be treated if the circumstances were reversed. We believe that our *Rhinology* reviewers are great. As an Associate Editor managing the peer review of manuscripts submitted to *Rhinology*, I am consistently impressed by the quality of reviews that our reviewers provide for *Rhinology*. These reviews - which are completed posthaste - are scientifically rigorous, constructive, and transparent in explicitly communicating the reviewers' logic and recommendations. Beyond fulfilling their fundamental duty, our reviewers also provide collegial, constructive comments that authors can use - irrespective of the ultimate editorial decision - to improve their manuscript and their future investigations. Our reviewers, who include the busy foremost experts in the field, do all of this for no reason other than to selflessly provide service to the journal, our authors and ultimately the field of rhinology. It is hard to express sufficient gratitude to our dedicated *Rhinology* reviewers but it is well worth reiterating our profound thanks. We therefore invite you to not only enjoy this issue of *Rhinology* but to also think about the important behind-the-scenes contributions of the reviewers.



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